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SARL - HMO Beacon Project on Track

John Willescroft, ZS6EF reports that the SARL-HMO beacon project is on track. The various lessons learned during the trial period have contributed much to an improved design. The beacons have been completed and rollout will start in the next few weeks. The installation will be on a systematic basis starting in KwaZulu-Natal. Once rollout commences SARL News will report details as the beacons come on line. Information will also be posted on the beacon page on www.sarl.org.za

Contest Results

The following contest results have been released:

2nd VHF/UHF Sprint [1 June]

Marius Preston, ZS4MP 72 points

SARL Youth Day Sprint [16 June]

- 1st JP Meijers, ZS1PJM 52 points [19 years]
- 2nd Byron Engler, ZR5KH 39 points [14 years]
- 3rd Francois Herbst [ZS6MHH] 37 points [23 years]
- 4th Liam Harrison [ZS6BTY] 32 points [14 years]
- 5th GP Rossouw, ZU6GP 29 points [16 years]
 - Jan Coetzee, ZR5JAN (ZS5JC) 29 points [44 years]
- 7th Joshua Smith [ZS5LPT] 23 points [10 years]
- 8th Cassandra Engler [ZR5KH] 17 points [11 years]
 - Denise Gray [ZS2G] 17 points [11 years]
 - Hugo Coetzee, ZU3H 17 points [14 years]
- 11th Tyron Brown [ZR5SDB] 15 points [10 years]
- 12th Emmerelda Coetzee, ZU5EM 10 points [16 years]
- 13th Ruan Maritz, ZU3R 7 points [15 years]
- 14th Andries vd Walt [ZS3ARK] 2 points [15 years]
 - Hano Reynecke [ZS3ARK] 2 points [15 years]
 - Charl Deacon [ZS3ARK] 2 points [15 years]

Sixteen logs were received for this contest; nine of these logs come from non-radio amateurs!!

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SARL Top Band QSO Party [18 to 23 June]

- 1st Gary Immelman, ZS6YI 266 points
- 2nd Jacques Vermeulen, ZS1WC 228 points
- 3rd Jan Botha, ZS4JAN 165 points
- 4th Willie Hewitt, ZS2CC 163 points
- 5th Dennis Green, ZS4BS 112 points
- 6th Bloemfontein RAC, ZS4BFN 103 points
- 7th Tienie Herbst, ZS6MHH 17 points
- 8th SA Armour Museum, ZS4AFV 8 points

Check Logs

Vidi la Grange, ZS1EL 74 points

Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE 23 points

Christmas Island

The 'DXciting Group' will activate Christmas Island (OC-002, WW Loc OH29tn) from 14 to 21 July. Operators mentioned are Marq, VK9XWW (CT1BWW), John, VK9XHZ (EA3GHZ), Henry, VK9XOR (EA5EOR) and Dina, VK9XME (EC5BME). They will operate with 3 stations (1 high-power and 2 barefoot at 100 W) on 160 - 6 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV.



The Pilot stations are: Africa – Dennis, ZS1AU; Asia – Toshihiko, JA8BMK; Europe – Oscar, EA4TD; Oceania – Lee, ZL2AL and David, VK2CZ; and North America – David, K4SV. QSL cards goes via EA4URE direct or by the bureau.

The official web site is at www.dxciting.com/vk9x/. [ZS1AU and ZL2AL]

DX from Africa

Mayotte, FH. Alain, F6BFH will be FH/F6BFH from Mayotte (AF-027, D1FO FH-001, WLOTA LH-0376) from 9 July to 9 August. He will be active on all bands, using CW and SSB, with a particular attention for the lower bands. QSL via home call. [F6AJA]

Cape Verde Islands, D4. Massimo, IZ4DPV will participate in the IARU HF World Championship as D4C from Cape Verde Islands (AF-086). Before and after the contest he will operate on 6 metres (beacon on 50034 kHz). QSL via IZ4DPV.

Algeria, 7X, (Lost Privileges). Mustapha, DL1BDF, is reporting some bad news from Algeria. According to Mokthar, 7X5JF, the Algerian authorities have revoked/cancelled operating privileges (for unknown reasons) for the use of the 80 and 17 metre bands as well as VHF and UHF. I hope that there will be a quick return of privileges on these bands for our Algerian friends.

African Tour. John, 9M6XRO, (one of the Frosty, K5LBU team members going to Mozambique), informs that he will be active from the following African locations:



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11 - 13 July from Johannesburg, South Africa as ZS6/GM3OOK;
 14 - 19 July from Mozambique as C91XO;
 19 - 25 July from Swaziland as 3DA0OK

His activity will be on 160 - 10 metres using CW, RTTY and SSB. John states, "At each QTH, I will be running a linear with beams for HF plus a four-square and verticals on the low bands. In Mozambique, for part of the time, I will be with the group who is operating from 16 to 30. See www.tdxs.net/C9.html

I had good results on Top Band from A25 last July, so I am hoping to manage the same from C91 and 3DA0." QSL via M3SDE, direct/bureau for all three call signs; see QRZ.com.

Ascension Island ZD8, (AF-003). Jim, N6TJ, is once again active from here as ZD8Z and will be staying on the island until 15 July. Activity will be on all bands CW and SSB. Look for him to be in the IARU HF World Championship, 12 & 13 July. QSL via his new manager AI4U, direct or by the Bureau.

Marion Islands, ZS8. There is still no activity reported. For updates and the first official announcement of ZS8T being on the air, please visit the official web site at <http://zs8t.net>

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 7 to 14 July 2008

NCCC Sprint Ladder
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 11 Jul
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40 and 20 m
 Classes: Single Op
 Max power: 100 watts
 Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, name, your state, province or country
 Work stations: Dupes allowed after at least one intervening QSO
 QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
 Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 13 July 2008
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
www.hornucopia.com/3830score/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm

FISTS Summer Sprint
 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 12 Jul
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m
 Classes: QRP; QRO; Club
 Max power: QRO: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: FISTS: RST, state, province or country, first name and FISTS No.; non-FISTS: RST, state, province or country, first name and power
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with FIST member; FIST members: 2 points per QSO with non-FIST member
 Multipliers: Each US state and VE province once; Each DXCC country once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 11 August 2008
 E-mail logs to: W8PIG[at]yahoo[dot]com
 Mail logs to: Dan Shepherd, N8IE, 1900 Pittsfield St., Kettering, Oh 45420, USA
 Find rules at: www.fists.org/sprints.html

IARU HF World Championship
 12:00 UTC 12 Jul to 12:00 UTC 13 Jul



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Mode: CW, Phone
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m
 Classes: Single Op CW – QRP, Low or High;
 Single Op Phone – QRP, Low or High; Single
 Op Mixed – QRP, Low or High; Multi-Single;
 IARU Member Society HQ
 Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: IARU HQ: RS(T) and IARU Soci-
 ety; Non-HQ: RS(T) and ITU Zone No.
 Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same zone
 or with HQ stations; 3 points per QSO with
 different zone on same continent; 5 points
 per QSO with different zone on different
 continent
 Multipliers: Each ITU zone once per band;
 Each IARU HQ and each IARU official once
 per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
 points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 12 August 2008
 E-mail logs to: IARUHF[at]iaru[dot]org
 Mail logs to: IARU HF Championship, IARU
 International Secretariat, Box 310905, New-
 ington, CT 06111, USA
 Find rules at:
www.arri.org/contests/rules/2008/iaru.html

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 13 Jul
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: Name, state, province or country
 and SKCC No or power
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Bonus Points: 5 points per Centurion member
 QSO per band; Bonus Points: 10 points per
 Tribune member QSO per band; Bonus
 Points: 25 points per QSO with SKCC club
 call per band
 Multipliers: Each state, province or country
 once
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO
 points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 20 July 2008
 Post log summary at:

www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/sf.html
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/wknd-sprint-rules.html

ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint
 20:00 - 23:59 UTC 13 Jul
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m
 Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands;
 Low Bands
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country
 and ARCI no or power
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI
 member; 4 points per non-member QSO with
 different continent; 2 points per non-
 member QSO with same continent
 Bonus Points: 2000 points per band for using
 homebrew transmitter; Bonus Points: 3000
 points per band for using homebrew re-
 ceiver; Bonus Points: 5000 points per band
 for using homebrew transceiver; Bonus
 Points: 5000 points for operating portable
 with emergency power and temporary anten-
 nas
 Multipliers: States, once per band; VE Prov-
 inces, once per band; Countries, once per
 band
 Power Mult: >5 W = x1, 1 - 5 W = x7, 250 mW
 - 1 W = x10, 55 - 250 mW = x15, <55 mW =
 x20
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO
 points x (state mults and province mults and
 country mults) x power mult) and bonus
 points
 Submit logs by: 13 August 2008
 E-mail logs to: contest[at]qrparci[dot]org
 Mail logs to: ARCI Summer Homebrew Spr-
 int, c/o Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF, 139
 Elizabeth St. W., Welland, Ontario L3C 4M3,
 Canada
 Find rules at:
www.qrparci.org/component/option,com_extc_alen-dar/I_temid,/extmode,view/extid,60/lang,en/



Next Week's Contests

RSGB 80 m Club SSB Championship, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 16 Jul
 NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint, 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 17 Jul
 NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 Jul
 Feld Hell Sprint, 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 19 Jul; 10:00 - 11:00 UTC 19 Jul; 18:00 - 19:00 UTC 19 Jul
 VK/Trans-Tasman 160 m CW Contest, 08:00 - 13:00 UTC 19 Jul
 DMC RTTY Contest, 12:00 UTC 19 Jul to 12:00 UTC 20 Jul
 North American RTTY QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 19 Jul to 06:00 UTC 20 Jul
 CQ Worldwide VHF Contest, 18:00 UTC 19 Jul to 21:00 UTC 20 Jul
 RSGB Low Power Field Day, 09:00 - 12:00 UTC and 13:00 - 16:00 UTC 20 Jul
 CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush, 20:00 - 21:59 UTC 20 Jul
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 21 Jul

A Bit Later than Next Week

IOTA Contest 26 & 27 July
 Boland ARC 40 Metre Contest 27 July

Super Check Partial Database

A new release of the Super Check Partial database files is now available at www.k5zd.com/scp/
 Statistics - Calls in master file: 43,487; Source Logs: 2,990; Total QSOs: 3,813,451 (unique calls: 128,441). Thanks to everyone who submitted logs. Numbers are up, but still behind those of a few years ago. We need more sunspots!

Please send me your logs immediately after each contest. The easiest thing is to cc k5zd@contesting.com when you submit your Cabrillo format log to the sponsor's robot.

If you want to check what version of the SCP files you are using, look for a call beginning with "VER." Every SCP file includes the version number in the list of calls. VERYYYYMMDD

Please let Randy know if you find any bad calls in the master file.

Old QSL Collection (Update)

Jean Michel, F6AJA, wants to remind everyone to visit the Les Nouvelles DX (LNDX) Web page to see more than 5500 old QSL cards in several different albums/galleries. This site contains: The ten most wanted DXCC entities (2004 to 2007) with more than 200 QSLs; At least one card for each 58 deleted DXCC countries (more than 800 QSLs); Nearest the totality of current prefixes, disappeared now (more than 2000 QSLs); Album for stations from Magrebh - 1945 to 1962 (more than 200 QSLs); More than 600 QSLs from the Antarctic bases; Nearly 230 QSLs from the TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises); More than 160 QSLs for the rare French Pacific Islands such as FK/C, FO/C, FO/A, FO/M, FO/C and FW; Nearly 100 cards from Eparses Islands such as FR/B/E/G/J/T; More than 250 cards for the old timer with more than 110 countries before 1945; A card from the French Department before 1945; One card from each of the states in the US before 1945.

The URL address for the Web site is <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr>. Some cards are still needed for the collection, and your participation is welcome. Please visit their site and give them your comments by sending an E-mail to LesNouvellesDX@free.fr



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